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- THE WEEKLY FREE NO-THEME 'ZINE-

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# Intro

## Do it again

Wise words by the *Chemical Brothers*, wise words. In this week's 1324 we: return to *Fort Boyard*, drop some coins in another few international vending machines, fire up a five year old laptop in the (vain?) hope to get *Fall Guys* running and much, much more. Want to get YOUR word out there? Shoot us a message via Twitter! You can find us at [@1324Zine](#) and we even follow back! Crazy. Oh and one more thing: the snazzy design of our logo is now available on mugs, pin badges and t-shirts, which we're literally giving away! Right, that's it, enjoy the zine and until next week!

Ivenne Mecking,  
Editor 1324 - Out Of Order

# Weather

## Right here, right now



**Kuldīga**  
Latvia  
25 °C / 77 °F



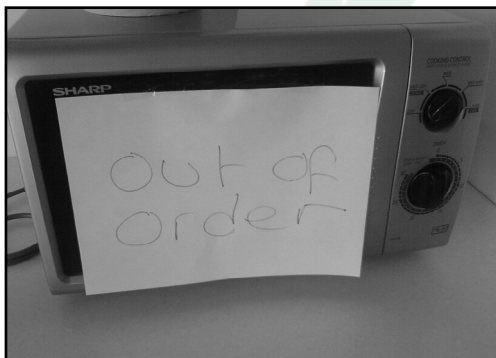
**Saint-Louis**  
Senegal  
32 °C / 90 °F



**Salta**  
Argentina  
13 °C / 56 °F

# Out Now

## Don't bother, currently out of order:



Sorry, there's currently no way to heat up your *Hunger breaks* all day breakfasts pots, *Ready meals* or bags of popcorn, because the microwave at the *Broadcast centre in London* is currently out of order. Shot by: [Eye Dropper](#).

# Go Dutch

## In one word a week

**'Hittegolf'** (noun)  
pronounce: hit-tuh-cholf

This word translates to 'heatwave'.

**In a sentence**  
*Deze hittegolf duurt al een week*  
This heatwave already lasts a week

**Also...**  
The plural is *hittegolven*.

*De hittegolven blijven komen*  
The heatwaves keep coming



# Little known facts

## Braille

is a system of reading and writing language without the use of sight and enables people with blindness and visual impairments to read (and write). It was refined in the late 1800's by *Louis Braille* (hence the name), but it was originally developed by a French army captain named *Charles Barbier* to enable his officers to read battle commands during the night. Braille can be transcribed in English, Spanish, French, German, Italian and many more languages. The punctuation, abbreviated characters and accented characters vary from country to country. The most basic braille alphabet, numbers, punctuation and the special characters are constructed from six dots. These dots are positioned like the figure six on a die, in a grid of two parallel vertical lines of three dots each.

[Right] 1 3 2 4 in Braille



# Trivia

## Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] The infinity symbol ( $\infty$ ) has what name in algebra?
- [02] In what year was *MAD* magazine first published?
- [03] What type of food is *linguine*?
- [04] What is the name of the tomato-headed duck in *Animal Crossing*?
- [05] In what sport did athlete *Balian Buschbaum* complete?
- [06] True or False: the .GA domain extension is for Gambia.
- [07] *NicoNico* is a video-sharing service from which country?
- [08] What colours are on the flag of Mongolia?
- [09] Where can you find the *Tour de La Lanterne*?
- [10] The *Tierra del Fuego* archipelago was formerly known as?
- [11] Was the 1969 *Apollo 10* mission considered a success?
- [12] What type of animal is *Tux*, known from the *Linux* OS?
- [13] Where could you find world's longest rollercoaster?
- [14] What's the French word for a skirt?
- [15] Who's the artist/author of the webcomic *Sarah's Scribbles*?

Answers on page four.

# From the Machine: volume two

Vending machines around the world. In this volume: 'Lee-shirts' in Thailand, live crabs in China and, uh, sex products in Spain.

Let's dive straight in and travel to Thailand for some machines found over there. Yes, they have machines dispensing gum-balls, drinks and chocolate bars, but also... underwear! The company *JOKEY Sport* are selling their microfiber boxer briefs from a machine. If you need to wash them afterwards there's coin operated (stand alone) top loading washing machines found all over Thailand. More clothing could found inside machines with t-shirts by the jeans brand *Lee*. These limited edition shirts were strangely sold in beakers from something called the 'Lee City kiosk' (=the vending machine) and cost 1000 baht (about £25/\$30/€27). Lee apparently wanted to sell their jeans from vending machines, but due to the weight and size of them, were hard to push to sell shirts instead. Next product: ice. There's some interesting machines by the company *Kane* from which you can win mochi ice cream. The machine has a claw with which you can pick up the chilled snack. It's 'play until you win', so you don't have to worry the claw will drop your price just before it reaches the chute. You'll be paying 40 baht (about £1/\$1.30/€1.10), which isn't that cheap (considering Thai prices), but I suppose you get a game out of it, too. Now bring your bucket, because the *Ice Robot* machines are filled with ice cubes to chill your water with. You place your can, bag or bucket below the dispenser and after inserting a few coins the machine will fill it up with cubes (made from the same water which is sold in bottles, so it's not tap water). Usually you'll be paying just 5 baht for a BIG wad of ice, so that's cool... (no! -ed).

More unusual vending machines can be found in China. One of them is a machine from which customers are able to buy live crabs. They're stuck inside a plastic container and cooled at 5 degrees to keep them 'fresh'. There's three sizes (small, medium and large) and a spokesman of the distribution company was quoted saying that if you got a dead crab from the machine 'you'd receive three fresh crabs as compensation'. It's all bit sad, really. Quick, something to flush the taste away! Perhaps something from the *OranFresh* machine will help. As you might have guessed, these machines sell freshly squeezed orange juice. The machines come from Italy, but can also be found in China. According to the company that made them they are 'the only ones in the world equipped with a large double-glazed window, through which consumers can observe the whole squeezing process'. So, if you get a particular kick out of seeing oranges being squeezed you know where you need to go...

## Ooh you're like a sex-machine!

Y viva España ¡Olé! ¡Olé! So, er, Spain. A company called *mobiloso* started their business by selling accessories for your smartphone (chargers, cases, earbuds etc.) from their vending machines, which could be found in subway stations, hospitals and malls. Next, they started selling pretty much *anything* that fitted in a

machine, like VR headsets and even drones. You could pay with cash money, your bank/credit card or even your phone. Their machines were last seen selling face masks and hand gels. Some of the vending machines seen in hotels are not just selling drinks and snacks, but sexual stimulants like lube and butt pluggs(!), too. Does nobody use their hotel room to sleep anymore? In 2017 the company *Olevending* started selling pet supplies from vending machines. Included items were soft toys, treats and even special drinks.

If you want a freshly baked pizza (and why wouldn't you) you could head over to Malaga, where a special machine with the name 'Pizzorro' is dispensing them. It holds about 70 pizza's and bakes/heats them up (somehow it takes just 3 minutes) after you've inserted the money (5-8 euro's, depending on the topping). Scooters not included.



Living crabs in containers, sold from a vending machine. Unusual. Yes. Unethical? You decide.

# Falling in Love

How one game made me try 'PC Gaming' on my 5 year old laptop

Twitter isn't just shouting and people calling each other names. Sometimes something genuinely interesting pops up on your timeline. It were video's of a very colourful game in which tiny characters were racing each other. I stopped gaming on a regular basis years ago, but this game really excited me, which was rare (case in point: my Xbone in the attic that has been collecting dust for the past three years). 'Next generation consoles? Who cares!'. Then *Fall guys* came along. It looked so simple, yet so much fun. Just how could I play it? PS4? D'oh! I don't have that. Wait! PC! Maybe there's a way after all! When I bought my last PC (about 2 years ago) I really wanted just a few things: a TINY case, an SSD, an Intel CPU and 8GB of RAM. A top of the line GPU? Nah, it 'wouldn't be used for playing games'. That bit me in the ass now, didn't it?

I got a *ThinkCentre Tiny* and I still love how compact it is. It's great for the graphical design work I do, but it just isn't a 'gaming rig'. I checked the FG minimum system requirements to see if, somehow, I got lucky. A '64-bit version of Windows? Check. 8GB of RAM? Check! i5? CHECK! A *Geforce 660*? Er...maybe? I checked my display driver and quickly came to the conclusion the situation was pretty much hopeless: 'Intel HD Graphics 630'. Then I remembered my laptop had a GPU...a *Geforce*, no less. Back in the game! Or was I? It had the 2GB of memory like the aforementioned 660, so that could work, right? A quick 'GeForce 660 vs 840m' search left me, again, disillusioned. 'The graphical capabilities of the Nvidia GeForce GTX 660 are

massively better than the Nvidia GeForce 840M'. Back to square one? Some kind Twitter soul then pointed out that 'you can ask for a refund if it doesn't work well on your PC, as long as the play time is less than 1 hour'. Hmm. Should I give it a try, anyway? I didn't really like PC Gaming, because of all the technical stuff. *Direct X*, *v-syncs*, *hyper-threading*? Just give me a box with a controller. This meant I didn't have the slightest idea how to optimise my hardware settings for gaming. In fact, I didn't even have a *Steam* account. That being said, *Fall Guys* did have a chicken suit. 'Oh what the hell, let's give it a try! I should be able to get an interesting article out of it at the very least'. So, my mind was made up. First things first...how do I install Steam? Next week: 'what is happening?'



# The history of Fort Boyard UK: part two

## Boyard's Gold in seasons 1-4

Last week's article on Fort Boyard UK's first four seasons might have seemed a little harsh, especially considering the producers did so much *right*. That's why we're more positive this week: here's the golden elements of Fort Boyard UK, seasons 1-4.

### Beau-Fort

First, the fort itself. It is the perfect backdrop for a gameshow. It's intriguing, it has history and it's located in the middle of the sea! Wow. How cool is it that the only way to get on the fort is by boat or by helicopter? The answer is 'very'. There was no need to build elaborate backdrops: they were there all along. Sure, there was a lot of money spent on restoring the fort in the late 80's as its watch tower had crumbled, as did a lot of the staircases and some of its famous arches. Its roof and courtyard were overgrown with plants and in places, the *guano* (excrement of seabirds and bats) accumulated exceeded (wait for it) 50 cm in thickness. Oh boy. It reportedly cost around 6 million french francs (with added inflation that's roughly a million euro) to clean up the mess, restore the fort and to add 12KM (~7.5 miles) of electric wiring. It all paid off in the end, because the fort is sight to behold. It's likely Channel 5 paid a flat fee to 'use' Fort Boyard and for that price they got fifteen camera's (including a special one traveling at the end of a 12-meter/40ft arm) and the 80(!) technicians needed to operate both those and all fort's other technical elements (such as some of the challenges). You're never missing any of the action and the Channel 5 series sure looks great.



1962 'For sale: Fort Boyard. Price: 7500FF (~€1000)

### Course d'un point à un autre

Uh? This is the name of one of the tracks on the official Fort Boyard soundtrack by Paul Koulak and simply means 'race from one point to another'. It's one of the many very atmospheric tracks which really helped making Fort Boyard the success it is. There's the very memorable *Les clés de fort boyard* during the intro, *Les serpents* (during the snake pit) and, probably the best of all, *Pont de singe*, which is played during the rope/monkey bridge challenge. It's not just the music of monsieur Koulak that is heard, though. Added are some rather uptempo dance tracks which work remarkably well. The music played during the *Running water* challenge (the one with the treadmill) sounds like it has been scored by Paul Masterson (of *Yomanda* and *Hi-Gate* fame). In short: it's brilliant.



Oh poor fort, what has time done to you? 700m³ of debris from the fort was eventually dumped in the sea(!).

Finally, it's all the scene-specific tunes that round off a perfect package. Take the mere eight notes that play while the team waits in anticipation for the treasure to drop. It really shows a lot of thought was put into the sound and that the show simply wouldn't be the same without it. If you want to sample it, you could buy a CD (yes, those still exist) called *'Fort Boyard - La Musique de toutes les aventures'* or the somewhat obscure PC CD-ROM game *Fort Boyard La Légende* (more on that in a future issue of 1324).

### Bad, bad Boyard

Like we've said last week: Fort Boyard UK owes a lot to the qualities of *Leslie Grandham* (as *boyard*, the master of the fort), presenter *Melinda Messenger* and *Geoffrey Bayldon* (as the professor). The person responsible for *boyard's* punches really deserves a pat on the back as well ('*Come on! Dragon's health club? More like a snails health club!*', '*Ha ha, three degrees and you can't spell!*'). He never fails to take the mickey out of the teams in an original fashion. His 'zingers' are so good you can see Melinda holding her laugh from time to time. Some contestants even seem to forget Leslie is playing a role and let him get under their skin. Melinda acts as the perfect counter balance to boyard, as she's keen for the teams to succeed and provides them with plenty of help along the way. She was quoted in 2018 saying she was 'up for a Fort Boyard revival' and that she'd 'like to see it back on again'. Apart from Leslie (in 2018) we've sadly also lost Geoffrey (in 2017), so if that ever happens they'll need to find some actors (or actresses) of their caliber to accompany her.

### Join us again next week

Anything else? Well, I could tell you about the contestant on series 1 that is slapped for looking into the underpants of the nearly naked lady in the dungeon challenge, the fact that the names of the islands surrounding Fort Boyard (*Île d'Aix*, *Île d'Oléron* & *Île de Ré*) can be seen during the flooded cellar challenge and that Melinda herself definitely *isn't* afraid of spiders (find proof in series 4 episode 2), but why not head to Youtube and find out yourself, as all the episodes have been kindly uploaded by a user called *Chris toone*. Next week, we will be taking a look at *season 5* of Fort Boyard UK. (cue: 'Wait, what is this?! NO! Never mind the broken rules, come back please Melinda, Leslie and Geoffrey!') We love you! Aaargh!").

# FREE: T-Shirts

You heard the man Tubbs...get dressed

The summer ain't over yet, buddy (or hasn't even started yet if you're from the Southern hemisphere). So... have a free t-shirt on us! Follow the link below, buy a 1324 **Classic T-shirt** in a colour of your choice (there's 16 of them!) and DM us the order confirmation by [Twitter](#). The [first three readers](#) to do so will receive their money back via Paypal (yes, this *does* mean we'll need your PayPal e-mail).

## Rules:

- One shirt pro household
- Only the *Classic T-shirt* qualifies for this promotion (NO other types)
- No, you won't get your money back if your order wasn't within the first three. Sorry.

[\[FREE T-shirt?\]](#)

# P's in a Pod

Everything podcast. This week: *PodBible*

There's a few podcast magazines out there. One of the is 'Podcast Magazine' (original name!) another is *Pod Bible*, a free magazine out every two months. You can get a print copy of it with *The Sunday Times*, but you're also able to download a digital version from their website. The current issue (#10) has all the basic info ('What is a podcast and how do I listen?') but also comes with interviews, equipment help (if you want to do your own pod) and plenty of recommendations (such as the brilliant *CheapShow* podcast). Give it a try below.

[\[Podbible\]](#)

# Quality Quote

Words to go by

*'Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.'*

-Maya Angelou

# Thanks

Stay for the credits

This issue's thanks to: Ben, Matt & Tom.

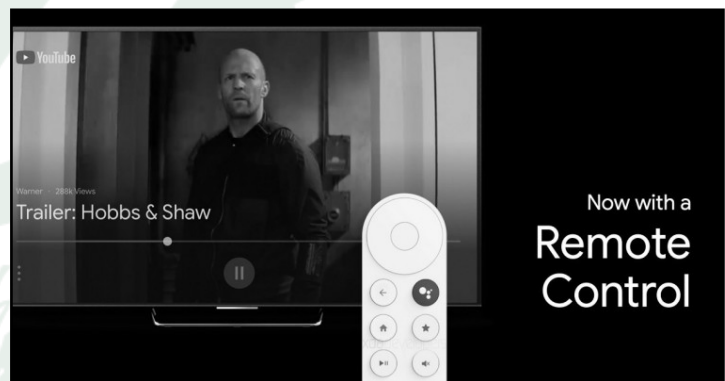
# Polished Chromecast

The upcoming new generation Chromecast

If you want to stream your movies, music, Youtube videos, podcasts, pictures or even games directly from your smartphone to your TV or the beamer the *Chromecast* is an excellent little gadget. It's currently in its third generation, but a new version (with the somewhat strange codename 'Sabrina') should arrive later this year. The most interesting rumoured features of this new version are a build-in OS with support for apps and a (physical!) remote. Yes, this means you'll no longer need to grab your phone to skip to the next music track or to pick something from your *Netflix* app. The price of the new Chromecast is expected to be lower than \$80/€70/£65.

If you like the idea of a physical remote, then perhaps you'd be surprised to know that you're actually able to use a few functions of the remote control that came with your tv to control your Chromecast! Try the play or pause button for example. Your TV just needs to have *HDMI-CEC* for this to work. Check out the link below for an article by Android Authority about this feature and expect a full review of the Chromecast Sabrina/ Ultra 2 and its swanky little remote later this year.

[\[How to use your TV remote with a Google Chromecast\]](#)



Play the stream! Pause the stream! Play the stream! Pause the stream! Hours of fun. (Image copyright: [XDA Developers](#)).

# Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] The *Lemniscate* symbol represents an infinitely positive big number.
- [02] 1952 (founded by editor *Harvey Kurtzman* & publisher *William Gaines*).
- [03] It's a type of pasta which looks like flattened spaghetti.
- [04] *Ketchup*. She can be bound in multiple games including *New Leaf*, *New Horizons*, *Pocket Camp* and the Japan only *Animal Forest e+*.
- [05] He is a former German pole vaulter.
- [06] False. It's used by the country of Gabon, but can be registered for free.
- [07] *NicoNico* (also known as *Nico Nico Douga*) was founded in Japan.
- [08] It's blue and red and has *Soyombo* symbol in yellow.
- [09] *La Rochelle*, France. It served as both a lighthouse and a prison.
- [10] Fireland. Tierra del Fuego is divided between Chile and Argentina.
- [11] Yes. This 'thorough test of all the processes' nearly ended in disaster, though.
- [12] A penguin. It was originally created as an entry to a Linux logo competition by *Larry Ewing* and drawn in *GIMP*.
- [13] That's the *Steel Dragon 2000* at *Nagashima Spa Land* (Japan).
- [14] Jupe (la). Plural: jupes.
- [15] Sarah Andersen. The comic has been running since 2011.

See you next week?

